

### REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8-23, and 25-50 were pending. The Examiner rejected claims 1-6, 8-23, 25-40, and 43-50 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Applicants have herein amended claims 1, 13-15, 17, 20, 22, 25, 30-32, 37, 43, 46, 47, and 50; and cancelled claims 2-6, 8, 12, 18, 19, 29, 34-36, and 38-42 without prejudice to future prosecution. Applicants' specification fully supports the new and amended claims (see, e.g., [0011]). No new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1, 9-11, 13-17, 20-23, 25-28, 30-33, 37, 43, 44, 46-48, and 50 are pending.

In light of the amendments and the remarks herein, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of claims 1, 9-11, 13-17, 20-23, 25-28, 30-33, 37, 43, 44, 46-48, and 50.

#### Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

The Examiner rejected claims 1-6, 8-23, 25-40, and 43-50 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph as allegedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The Examiner asserted that the discovery that guanidinoaminoglycoside conjugates can exhibit enhanced cellular uptake at target cells does not enable the use of any dialkoxy substance and a guanidinylating agent conjugate as detailed in the Final Office Action. In addition, the Examiner asserted that the only specific linkers found in the specification are "an amino acid linker," a thiol linker, and  $\beta$ -mercaptoethylether.

Applicants respectfully disagree. To expedite prosecution, however, Applicants have herein amended independent claims 1 and 14 to recite that the adduct is a guanidinoaminoglycoside. In addition, Applicants have herein amended claims 33 and 37 to recite amino acid and thiol linkers.

In light of the above, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

### CONCLUSIONS

Applicants respectfully assert that the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is hereby requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney if such would expedite prosecution.

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Respectfully submitted,

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